1   ABSTRACT

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3   The invention is directed to a method for providing a switch user functionality in a

4   server-agent environment in an information technological (IT) network in which

5   at least one agent runs on a node of the IT network, comprising: generating a

6   switch user (SU) certificate using public-key cryptography upon receiving a

7   request to switch from a user account presently used on the node to another

8   user account; sending the SU certificate to the agent; checking the correctness

9   of the SU certificate; performing the requested switch to the other user account

10   provided that the SU certificate is correct. The invention is also directed to a

11   corresponding computer program product and a computer system.

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